REMARKS

This is intended to be a complete response to the Official Action mailed January 22, 2004, in which claims 1-7 were rejected. Claim 6 has been cancelled without prejudice as being redundant over the description of the base portion of claim 1.

DOUBLE PATENTING

Claims 1-7 stand rejected under obviousness-type double patenting over U.S. 5,572,851. Applicant submits herewith a Terminal Disclaimer over U.S. 5,572,851 thereby rendering the rejection moot.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above, Applicant respectfully submits the claims are now in a condition for allowance and respectfully requests issuance of a Notice of Allowance thereof.

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